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The Honorable Tom Wheeler Chairman Federal Communications Commission 445 12th Street, S.W. Washington, D.C. 20554

Dear Chairman Wheeler:

I want to thank the Commission and its professional staff for your continued collaboration with my constituent company, New LightSquared, in its multi-year effort to secure a license to offer a nationwide satellite and terrestrial network. As you know, the FCC recently approved the company's change-of-control application, reflecting its change in leadership.

Following that approval, the company filed a license modification application. Its recent efforts have focused on achieving compromise with the GPS and aviation industries regarding interference concerns. New LightSquared has said it is committed to finding solutions that will enable compatible use of GPS and terrestrial services in its spectrum to meet current and future demand for mobile services. I understand that the company has negotiated agreements with Garmin and Deere with respect to providing a framework for coexistence of GPS and wireless broadband services. Further, the company is proffering that the FCC condition any approval on compliance with FAA safety guidelines.

It is the efforts of such innovative companies in my district that encourage me to support a robust technology agenda for our region and our nation. I respectfully commend for your consideration that the Commission move forward with a public notice and three-month comment period to allow all relevant stakeholders to provide input on this modified application. Such a process would afford New LightSquared the opportunity to work with the Commission to address any legitimate outstanding issues to advance its effort to provide more efficient use of the nation's finite spectrum resource in support of expanding wireless broadband services.

Sincerely,

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April 7, 2016

The Honorable Gerald E. Connolly U.S. House of Representatives 424 Cannon House Office Building Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Congressman Connolly:

Thank you for your letter supporting New Lightsquared's efforts to modify its existing L-Band license and initiate a proceeding to allocate the 1675-1680 MHz band for commercial broadband use. As you know, New Lightsquared has now been rebranded as Ligado Networks LLC. I am pleased to inform you that after extensive coordination with our federal partners, we are in the final stages of preparing a public notice to seek comment on the Ligado proposals.

I can assure you that the Commission will engage in an open and transparent process to consider Ligado's proposals. Our analysis will be conducted in the context of our ongoing efforts to make additional spectrum available for mobile broadband services and will be comprehensive and informed by an objective engineering review of the band and input from a broad range of stakeholders.

I look forward keeping you apprised of our work on this matter.

Sincerely,

Tom Wheeler